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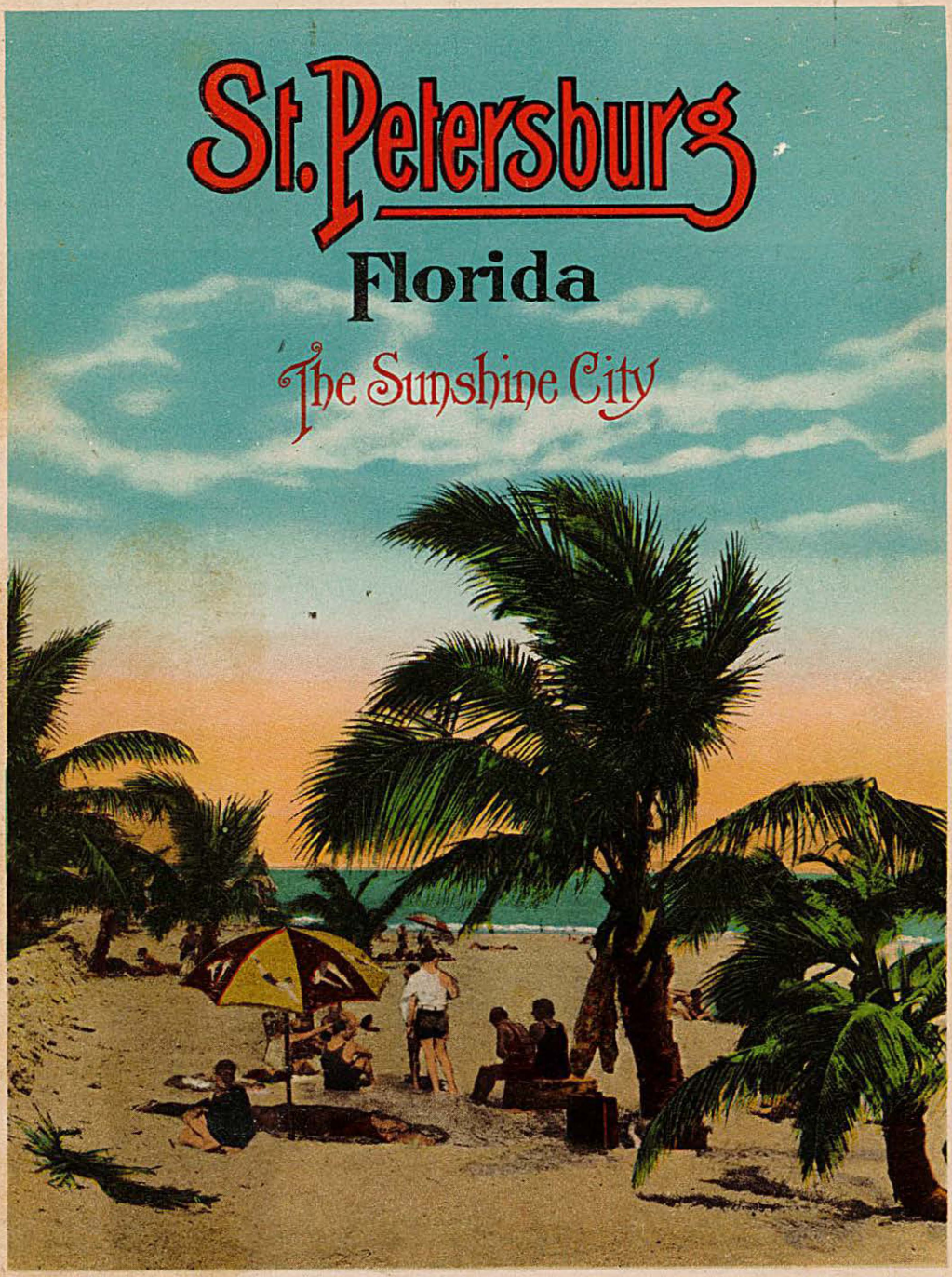

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
"The Sunshine City"

St. Petersburg is situated on the southern-most point of the Pinellas Peninsula 270 miles South from Jacksonville, forty feet above the level of the Bay.

Fanned by soft winds blowing from Gulf and Bay, tempering the warmth of summer and banishing winter's chill; with nights cool and pleasant; with almost every day an "out-doors" day; with the purest artesian water for drinking, it is no wonder that physical well-being rises to the highest mark in St. Petersburg.

Tall pines towering solemnly, sentinel green palms, waterscapes of little lakes and bayous coming unexpectedly into view as some wooded corner is rounded. The big blue Bay and rolling Gulf—all have been described. They are the scenes of warmth and beauty that dwellers in frozen countries hang upon their walls and love to look upon. But when you come here, you are living right in the picture—a part of your world of dreams and desire—in a land of "balmy and breathing music of the South."

Mangoes and avocado pears, guavas, and papayas or "paw-paws," and bananas and pineapples mingle with the commoner citrus fruit trees, such as orange, grapefruit, lime, and lemon. Tall palms grow here, and the magnolia, of glossy leaf and immense, fragrant, creamy blossoms, with oaks and many evergreens. Some of the vines are perfect curtains of glowing colors—the purple bougainvillaea, the orange, and red bignonia and trumpet flower, the white and yellow jasmine, and the golden allemander. St. Petersburg's own special flower is the vivid green and red poinsettia. Hibiscus and poincianas, many-hued oleanders, rubber trees, and cacti are seen in perfection. Roses bloom all the year, and in the spring the perfume of orange blossoms is everywhere.

The water supply of St. Petersburg is from never-failing artesian wells, pure and palatable.

Bathing in the still waters at St. Petersburg's beautiful beach, or in the surf at Pass-a-Grille Island is a favorite diversion of residents and tourists. There are few days when it is too cool to enjoy the water. The new million-dollar municipal pier on the north beach, extends from a perfect hard, white beach 1,400 feet into the bay, providing amply for a trolley way, an automobile drive and for pedestrians. Here is found the finest bathhouse in Florida, furnishing hot, cold, salt and sulphur baths.

The disciples of Izaak Walton will find ample opportunity here for displaying their art. The actual catches of Spanish mackerel, sheepshead, grouper, trout, snapper, and many other edible fishes, are so large as to be almost unbelievable to those unacquainted with the facts. Great sport is had also in catching the enormous jewfish. The great "silver king" or leaping tarpon comes into the waters around the keys late in the spring, and until the end of summer fishermen from near and far are out with hook and tackle to capture the silver beauties—from 75 to 200 pounds in weight. One fish house exports annually 2,500,000 pounds of fish, principally Spanish mackerel and mullet.

Near the new harbor is another municipal enterprise, one of the most unique, beautiful and useful in the world for a resort city—a yachting harbor of twenty-nine acres, for the purpose of affording an attractive and absolutely safe place for the anchorage of private yachts. It is open to everybody.

For a two days' outing numerous points of interest may be reached by boat, trolley, railroad or auto.

Coffee Pot Bayou and Big Bayou, respectively north and south of St. Petersburg, Davista and Gulfport, terminals of the electric railroad. Fort Dade on Egmont Key, and Fort DeSoto on Mullet Key; Pass-a-Grille, a beautiful island between Bay and Gulf, noted for surf bathing, fishing, and stone-crab dinners; Tampa, Florida's first seaport city, and celebrated for its cigar factories; Ruskin, a co-operative colony, Tampa Bay; Manatee, Bradenton, and Palmetto, interesting towns in the famous Manatee River fruit and garden section; Long Boat Key and Cortez, fishing resorts, and Saratoga, a beautiful town on Sarasota Bay.

Northward, up the Peninsula are: Pinellas Park, home of an enterprising Northern colony; Largo, center of the county's citrus industry; Belleair, with its palatial hotel and extensive golf grounds; Clearwater, a town occupying one of the loveliest natural sites in Florida; Tarpon Springs, famous for its sponge fisheries; Anclote River, Indian Rocks, Wall Springs, Crystal Beach, Haven Beach and Clearwater Beach, picturesque spots, ideal for picnics.

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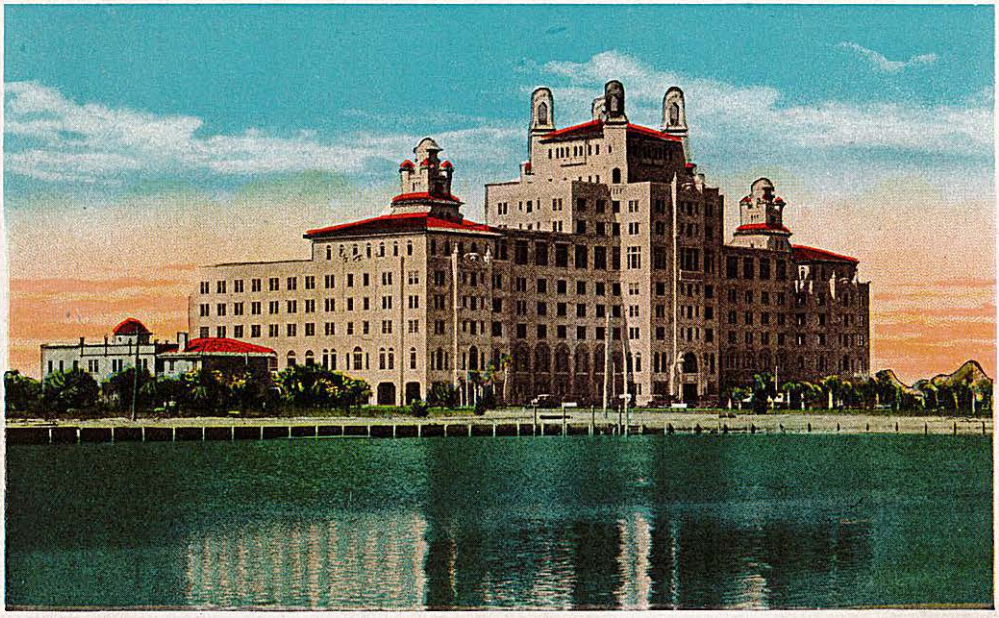
"OH! YOU GREEN BENCHERS"

THE VINOY PARK HOTEL



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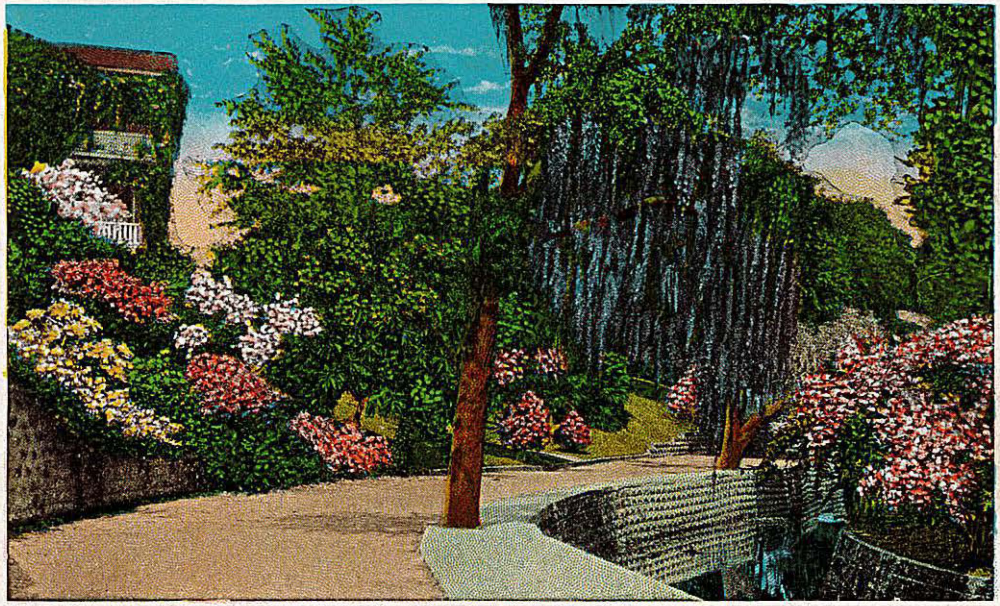
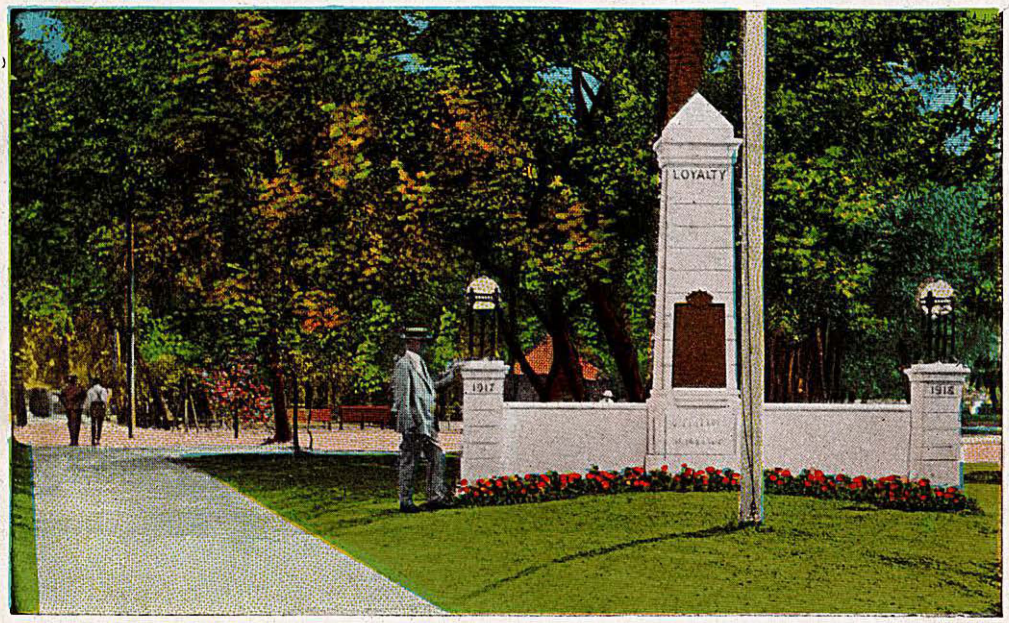
HOTEL ROLYAT, PASADENA-ON-THE-GULF



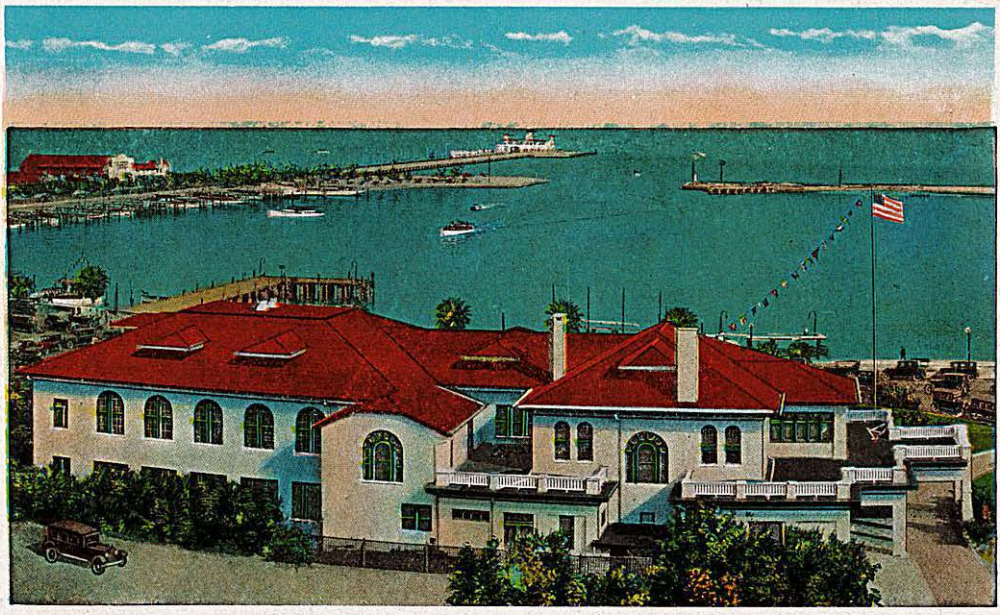
SCENE IN ROSER PARK

NIGHT VIEW OF GANDY BRIDGE, 6 MILES LONG, BETWEEN TAMPA AND ST. PETERSBURG



WORLD WAR HEROES MEMORIAL, WILLIAMS PARK

SHUFFLE BOARD



YACHT CLUB, YACHT BASIN AND MUNICIPAL RECREATION PIER

CORNER FOURTH AND FIRST AVENUE NORTH

AERIAL VIEW OF BUSINESS SECTION AND WATERFRONT

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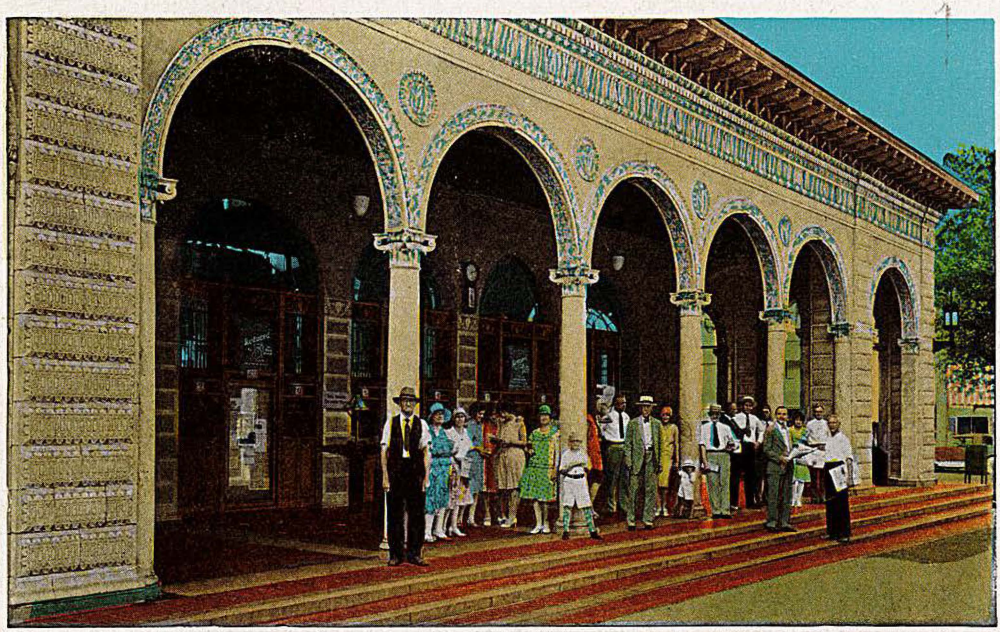
AIRPLANE VIEW OF MUNICIPAL PIER AND WATERFRONT

THE COLISEUM



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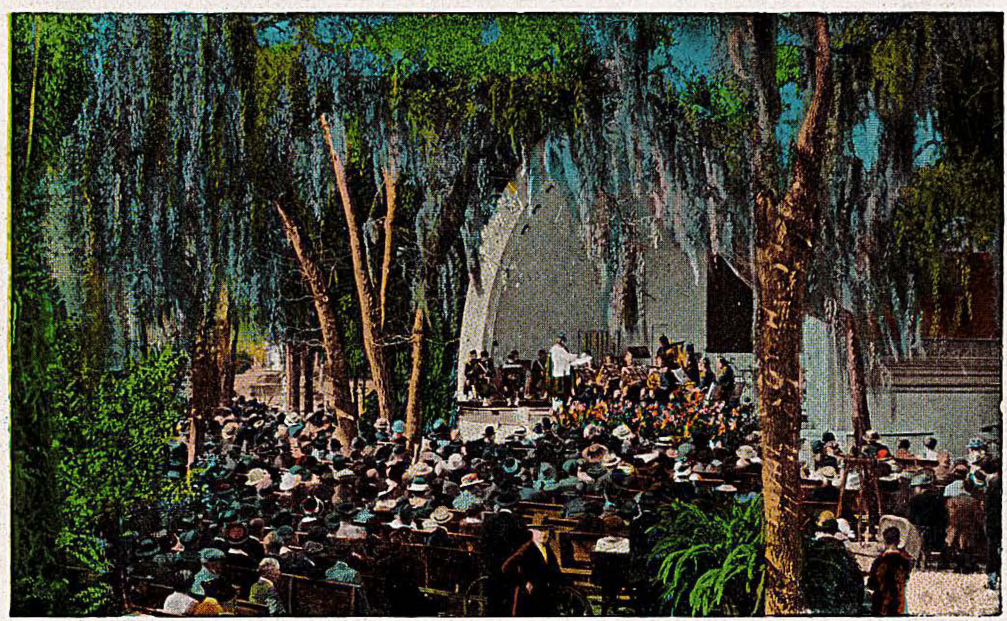

DAILY BAND CONCERT IN WILLIAMS PARK

SUN BATHING

MILLION DOLLAR RECREATION PIER

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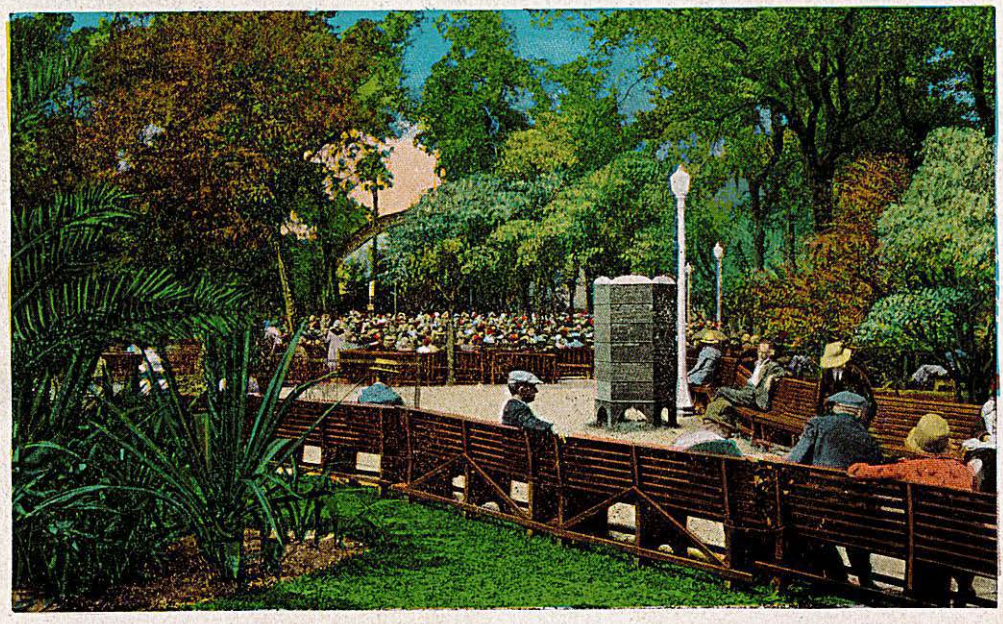
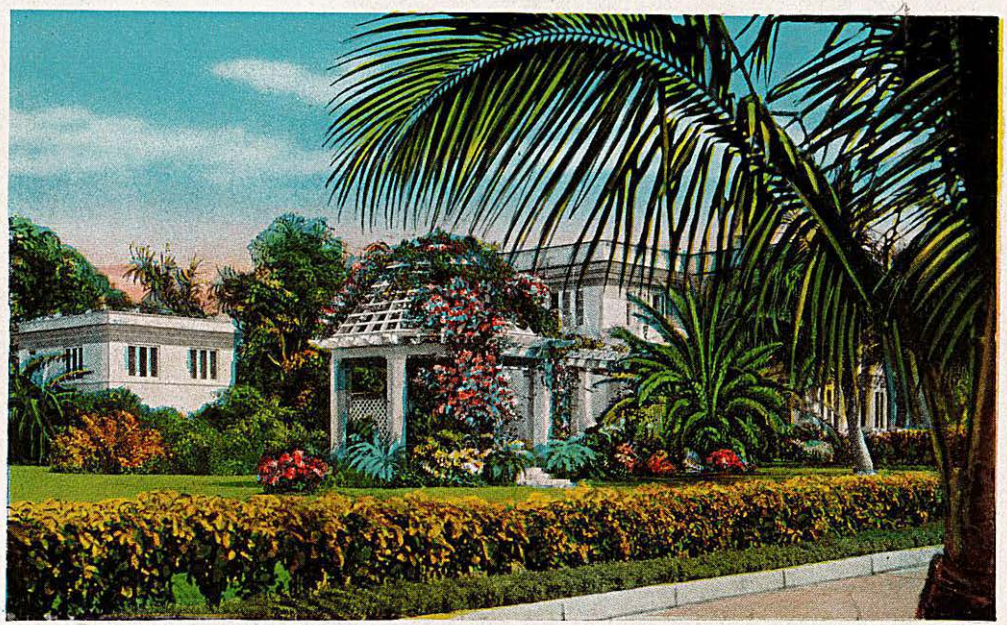
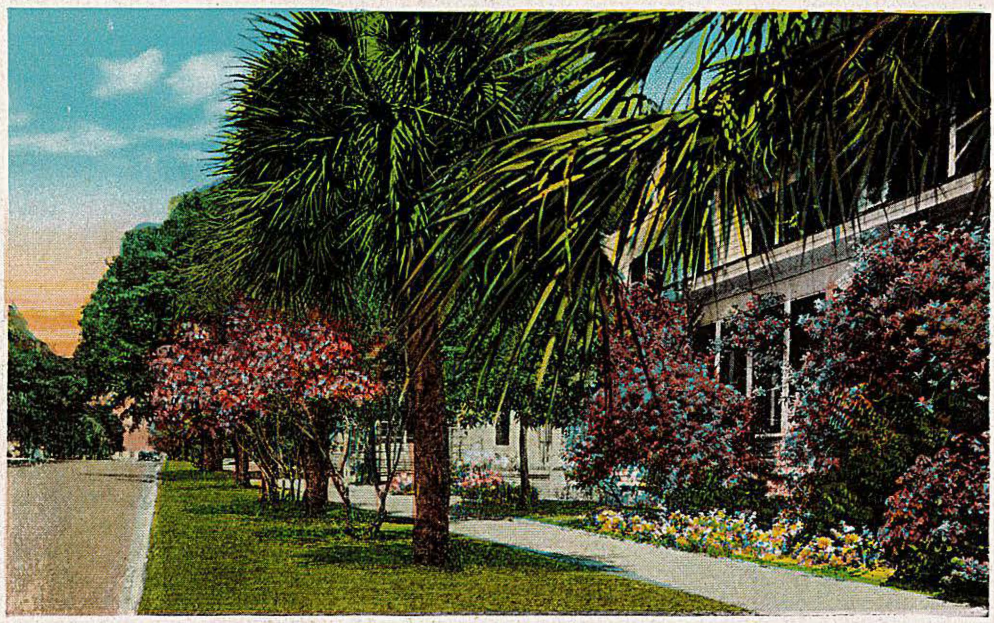


BAND STAND IN WILLIAMS PARK



FLAME VINE AND BOUGAINVILLAEA

FLAME VINE (PYROSTEGIA VENUSTA)



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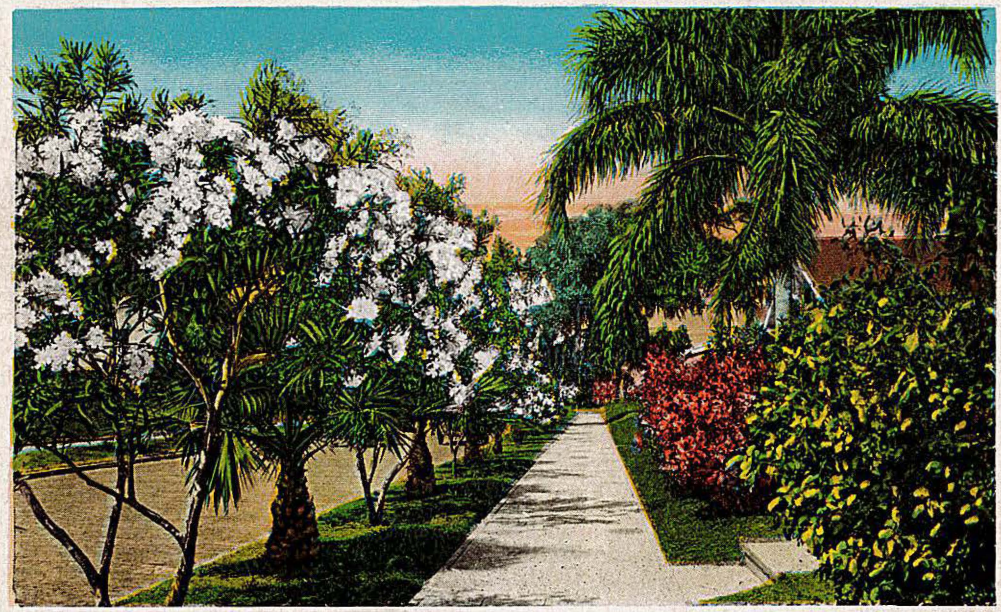

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VIEW ON OTHER SIDE SHOWS WISHING WELL, HOTEL ROLYAT AT PASADENA-ON-THE-GULF